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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 3682
Docket No.: 1761.1001

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Takayuki NORIMATSU

Serial No. 09/944,589

Group Art Unit: 3682

Confirmation No. 1652

Filed: September 4, 2001

Examiner: William C. JOYCE

For: WHEEL BEARING ASSEMBLY

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AND
AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Attention: **BOX AF**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed June 20, 2003, which has a period for response set to expire on September 20, 2003. A Petition for a one-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to October 20, 2003.

Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested. The following remarks are respectfully submitted.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

The attached drawing(s) include changes to FIG. 9. The sheet containing FIG. 9 replaces the original sheet including FIG. 9.

In the Office Action, the proposed drawing corrections filed on May 3, 2003 were approved and proper corrected drawings were required. Thus, replacement figures incorporating the approved corrections are submitted herewith.